

## LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY the 28 November 2017** and commenced at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor M Chase (in the Chair)
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor F H Drane
- Councillor J R Burns
- Councillor Mrs J Marston
- Councillor R Holloway
- Councillor K Brooks
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor of Council)
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor of Council)

**Also in attendance:**

- Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk
- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

### 289/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor R Griffin (holiday)
- Councillor M Dodds (work commitments)

### 290/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

### 291/17 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) **Minute 108/12 Minute 219/12 & Minute 31/16. Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road/Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** DCC recently reported that works on the current phase of the Upton Cross to Upton Country Park have been progressing well and DCC anticipate being completed approx. 4 weeks ahead of schedule (6/11). This will extend the cycleway from Upton Cross to the A35 slip road / Poole Rd junction (phase 2a) with further work intended to extend this cycleway into Upton Country Park and link to the north side of the A35 (phase 2b). We are currently in negotiations with landowners / tenants in order to complete this final phase and will keep you informed of progress on this section of the scheme.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** No further information. County Cllr Pipe will be asked to pursue.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** No further information. County Cllr Pipe will be asked to pursue.
- d) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The Clerk has contacted DCC to ensure that the information we already have is still relevant to the process. A response is awaited.
- e) **Minute 582/15 & 871/15 Tree Management Survey/Tree Warden.** Quotes are being obtained for tree work at Recreation Ground. List still being compiled for other council tree stock.
- f) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** No further information.
- g) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** DCC did respond and is looking into this. This will be added to the list for County Cllr Pipe to pursue.
- h) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway.** A response is still awaited.

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**291/17 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)**

- i) **Minute 378/16 Parking on Town Verges.** Letters have been sent to the householders.
- j) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** Cllr Pipe has been asked to chase this on our behalf.
- k) **Minute 486/16 Right Turn at Randalls Hill.** This will be left in abeyance until such time as other local roadworks are completed.
- l) **Minute 34/17 To discuss ways to improve foot way access for pedestrians at Watery Lane.** Wyatts can see the benefit of this and would in principle be willing to work with DCC.
- m) **Minute 96/17 To consider a residents request for a 20 mph speed limit in Moorland Way.** No further information. Cllr Chase advised that there are plans for a speed survey to be undertaken in Moorland Way and Yarrells Lane.
- n) **Minute 186/17 Management of trees adjacent to The Pound, Lytchett Minster.** Hall and Woodhouse came forward as the owners and were going to get a arboriculturist to look at the trees.
- o) **Minute 187/17 To consider options to improve the bank at the top of Moorland Way:** An order has been placed for the treeworks required in this area and the
- p) contractor will be contacted to ascertain when the work will commence.
- q) **Minute 191/17 To discuss pollution in the town.** We have been advised that the levels in our town remain below national thresholds, and another monitoring tube has been installed in Poole Road. No mobile stations are owned by other tiers of local government with no plans to acquire these as it was felt that they not necessary and no budget for them. After discussion it was agreed that more information was required and a representative will be invited to attend a future Environment or Highways meeting.
- r) **Minute 188/17 To consider a request for a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Oak Road and Blandford Road.** This has been re-submitted to DCC with the evidence that the County Councillor is in favour of this scheme.
- s) **Minute 242/17 To review the Agency Agreement for Working Together with Dorset Highways** Cllrs from the Environment Committee met outside of the meeting to review the document in greater detail. After discussion it will be referred to Full Council with a proposal not to proceed due to forthcoming government changes, but to endeavor to do what works we can locally to keep the town looking the best.

**292/17 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Correspondence was received from a resident regarding visibility issues due to poor parking at Sandy Lane/Shore Lane. This will be raised at the Highways meeting on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

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**292/17 CORRESPONDENCE:(Cont)**

- b) A request was received for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Moorland Way and one member of public and one school governor attend the meeting to support this request. The Road Safety Officer, DCC will be contacted to ask if the area could be re-surveyed between the hours of 8.30 – 9.00 am or 3.00 – 3.30 pm to ascertain if it meets the criteria for some form of crossing. This matter will also be raised at the Highways meeting on Wednesday 6 December 2017. It was suggested that a Town Councillor should attend a meeting on the School Council in the New Year.

**293/17 TO DISCUSS THE DCC HIGHWAYS AGENCY AGREEMENT:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** not to proceed with this initiative due to the lack of resources and the current climate of uncertainty.

**294/17 TO CONSIDER ADVISORY LEAFLET FOR ‘YELLOW LINES’:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this be approved with some amendments.

**295/17 TO CONSIDER INTRODUCING A WILDFLOWER AREA ON THE HIGHWAY VERGE ALONG DORCHESTER ROAD:**

Cllr Johns suggested that a wildflower area be planted along Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster from the caravan park to the Church. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this was not feasible due to cost.

**296/17 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:****Roads and Pavements**

None.

**Waste and Recycling**

None.

**Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

None.

**Open Spaces****Lytchett Bay View****Cllr M Chase**

Some work has been undertaken to remove a dangerous tree on this land.

**Jubilee Garden****Cllr M Dodds**

None.

**St. Martins Park****Cllr M Dodds**

None.

**Meadows Garden****Cllr R Griffin**

None.

**Clocktower Site**

None.

**Open Access Issues****Cllr Mrs J M Richards**

None.

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**296/17 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)**

**Overgrowing vegetation**  
None.

**Flood Warden**  
**Cllr P F Johns**  
None.

**297/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- a) Cllr Mrs Pryor expressed concern about lorries delivering to the new Co-op and the situation will be monitored.
- b) Cllr Drane reported that DCC are meeting to discuss whether or not the old railway line will be designated as a bridleway.
- c) Residents of Old Kiln Road have expressed concern about parking by contractors and dog walkers but this is in the Poole area.
- d) Concerns were expressed by residents of Douglas Close regarding parking issues, particularly a caravan. This will be monitored.

**298/17 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

**299/17 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:**

See attached list.

**300/17 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a) The next Highways meeting will take place at 9.30 am on Wednesday 6 December 2017.
- b) Cllr Johns reported that he supported the proposal for change to the planning policy which was approved at the PDC Policy meeting and will now be referred to full Council.
- c) Cllr Johns reported that the consultation on the partial review will commence at the end of January 2018.
- d) Cllr Johns reported that a tree trunk in the stream at Lytchett Minster has been removed by the Lees Estate.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm**

Chairman.....

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